

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A neck chain supported pendant for carrying organic material, ~~such as~~ cremation remains, or hair samples, ~~and the like~~, said pendant comprising:

a first and second substantially identically shaped concave housing members disposed in aligned confronting relationship and defining an organic material chamber there between,

said housing members fabricated solely of a thin ~~metallic material~~ precious metal material chosen from the group of karat golds, sterling silver, titanium, palladium, and platinum, and having integral heat sacrificial rim portions extending continuously around the outer periphery thereof,

said rim portions of said housing members disposed in contact with one another around the entire periphery of the pendant and being fixedly joined to one another by a laser welding operation so as to hermetically seal said chamber, the heat of which operation results in the sacrificing of said rim portions in a manner as to not adversely affect the organic material in said chamber, and

a trim element disposed substantially entirely around the pendant adjacent and substantially concealing the laser welding joint securing said housing members together.

2. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said housing members have a shape selected from the group consisting of round, oval, teardrop, rectangle, square, triangle, heart, and cross shaped.

3. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said neck chain is slidably attached to said pendant through a welded loop on said trim element.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said laser welding operation utilizes a power between the range of 180-280 Volts.

7. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said laser welding operation utilizes a welding contact duration of between 2.0 and 6.0 milliseconds.

8. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said laser welding operation utilizes a laser beam having a width between 0.6 and 1.6 millimeters.

9. (original) The neck chain supported pendant of Claim 1 wherein said laser welding operation utilizes a pulse repetition frequency of 1.0-4.0 hertz.

10. (cancelled)

11. (new) A neck chain supported pendant for carrying organic material, such as cremation remains, or hair samples, and the like, said pendant comprising:

a first and second substantially identically shaped concave housing members disposed in aligned confronting relationship and defining an organic material chamber there between, said housing members have a shape selected from the group consisting of round, oval, teardrop, rectangle, square, triangle, heart, and cross shaped.

said housing members fabricated solely of a thin metallic material precious metal material chosen from the group of karat golds, sterling silver, titanium, palladium, and platinum, and having integral heat sacrificial rim portions extending continuously around the outer periphery thereof,

said rim portions of said housing members disposed in contact with one another around the entire periphery of the pendant and being fixedly joined to one another by a laser welding operation so as to hermetically seal said chamber, the heat of which operation results in the sacrificing of said rim portions in a manner as to not adversely affect the organic material in said chamber, said laser welding operation utilizing a pulse repetition frequency of 1.0-4.0 hertz, said laser welding operation further utilizing a laser beam having a width between 0.6 and 1.6 millimeters, said laser welding operation

utilizes a welding contact duration of between 2.0 and 6.0 milliseconds, and said laser welding operation utilizes a power between the range of 180-280 Volts,

a trim element disposed substantially entirely around the pendant adjacent and substantially concealing the laser welding joint securing said housing members together, said trim element having a welded loop whereas said neck chain is slidably attached to said pendant through said loop.